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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) DATE: 12/11/63

FROM: INSPECTOR J. R. MALLEY

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS-R-CUBA

Inspector DON MOORE advised that in previous interviews with Mrs. OSWALD, she had stated that OSWALD, while in Russia, had a rifle of some kind and that on another occasion, she had commented she did not know whether the rifle he had at the PAINE residence was the same gun he had while he was in Russia, commenting that all guns looked alike to her. MOORE pointed out that in other information available, OSWALD is supposed to have stated that he had a shotgun when he was in Russia.

MOORE advised that the significance of MARINA OSWALD's remarks is quite important in view of the fact that in Russia, it is permissible for an individual to own a shotgun, but the Soviets do not permit a person to own a rifle unless they have complete confidence in him. MOORE requested that we try and resolve this in our next interview with Mrs. OSWALD. It is suggested that a photograph of the rifle, as well as a photograph of a shotgun be utilized during the interview to see if she could possibly shed any light on her previous comments.

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